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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)
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ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Personnel Travel

1. Reference is made to a memorandum from the Chief, FI to the [redacted] on the above subject which was forwarded to this office for comment.

25X1A 2. Apparently no question is raised by FI or Finance as to the propriety of granting emergency leave or of paying the traveling expenses of [redacted] for his trip to the United States to adjust his family situation. These actions were considered to be authorized by Army regulations. Sections 6.7 and 14.4 of the Confidential Funds Regulations provide that military personnel attached or assigned to CIA shall retain the perquisites of their parent service as to such matters as leave, allowances and travel.

3. The question of compassionate leave for Agency civilian personnel stationed abroad has often been discussed and is not susceptible of any easy solution. There is no authority to grant leave which will not be charged against regular annual leave or to pay travel expenses, where the trip is made solely on personal business or affairs of the employee. On occasion, the Agency has been able to accommodate employees on such matters by assigning to them matters of Agency business which involved travel near the desired destination. At times transportation has been available by military aircraft. About two months ago [redacted] a memorandum proposing the establishment of a CIA courier service in the Pacific Ocean area, one of the incidental advantages of which would be that personnel could return to the United States to attend to urgent personal matters. On occasion, transfers have been accelerated and prospective assignments have been changed in order to accommodate employees.

25X1A 4. This matter is one which requires study by the operational and administrative officials concerned. We will be glad to advise as necessary on any legal aspects involved.

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Assistant General Counsel

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